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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, DECEMBER 28, 2000

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STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

CASE NO. PUE980813

Ex Parte: In the matter of considering
an electricity retail access pilot
program - Virginia Electric and
Power Company

ORDER PERMITTING COMMENT OR REQUEST FOR HEARING

By Order entered in this docket dated April 28, 2000, the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") approved a pilot program for electric retail access for Virginia Electric and Power Company ("Virginia Power" or "Company"). Among the features of the pilot was a wires charge to be added to the bills of customers who leave Virginia Power service to take electricity supply from a competitor.

On November 17, 2000, the Company filed an application to revise its fuel factor, pursuant to § 56-249.6 of the Code of Virginia, from \$0.01339/kWh to \$0.01616/kWh, effective January 1, 2001.

By application submitted December 1, 2000, the Company contends that "the requested increase in the Company's fuel factor, if approved, should result in a corresponding

adjustment to the capped generation rate applicable to the Pilot Program, and hence the wires charges calculation, effective January 1, 2001." (Application at 3.) The Company submitted revised rate schedules to reflect its proposed fuel factor and asked that we approve these changes to its pilot program rates.

NOW THE COMMISSION, having considered the application, is of the opinion that the matter should be docketed as part of Case No. PUE980813; the Company should publish notice of its application; and that a period should be established for the receipt of comments or requests for hearing or oral argument on the Company's proposed changes to its pilot program wires charges.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) This matter shall be docketed as part of Case No. PUE980813;

(2) On or before January 16, 2001, Virginia Power shall cause to be published as display advertising the following notice, in newspapers of general circulation throughout its service territory:

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO
WIRES CHARGES APPLICABLE TO CUSTOMERS
PARTICIPATING IN VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER
COMPANY'S ELECTRIC RETAIL ACCESS PILOT PROGRAM
CASE NO. PUE980813

On November 17, 2000, Virginia
Electric and Power Company ("Virginia

Power" or "Company") filed with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") a request to increase its fuel factor from \$0.01339/kWh to \$0.01616/kWh, effective for service rendered on and after January 1, 2001. That matter has been set for hearing by the Commission on March 1, 2001.

On December 1, 2000, the Company filed an Application in which it seeks to make a similar adjustment to the wires charge component of bills rendered to customers participating in its electric retail access pilot program. The effect of the proposed change will be an increase in the wires charge component and, hence, an increase in the total bills of customers participating in the program.

The Commission seeks public comment or requests for hearing or oral argument on the Company's Application. Interested persons may file an original and five (5) copies of such documents, making reference to Case No. PUE980813, with the Clerk of the Commission, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218, on or before January 30, 2001.

Requests for hearing should state reasons why the party believes an evidentiary hearing to be warranted and provide an overview of the evidence the party expects to introduce at hearing. Requests for oral argument should state the issues the party desires to be heard upon.

One copy of any comment or request should be served on counsel for the Company, Kodwo Gharthey-Tagoe, Esquire, McGuireWoods, LLP, One James Center, 901 East Cary Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219-4030.

VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY

(3) On or before January 30, 2001, interested persons may submit an original and five (5) copies of comments, or requests for hearing or oral argument on the application with the Clerk of the Commission, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218, referring to Case No. PUE980813. Requests for hearing should state reasons why the party believes an evidentiary hearing to be warranted and provide an overview of the evidence the party expects to introduce at hearing. Requests for oral argument should state the issues the party desires to be heard upon.

(4) This matter is continued for further orders of the Commission.